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## NEWSLINES

### Nominees in for chamber awards

The nominees for 1995 Milton Chamber of Commerce community awards have been announced.

The nominees are:

**1995 Citizen of the Year:** Betty Ingle, Scott Early and Dicky Deumer.

**1995 Business Person of the Year:** Carol McDonald (McMarketing Enterprises), Betty Ingle (Remax Miltowne Realty) and Bob Newman (Robert Newman Shoes).

**1995 Civic Organization of the Year:** The Link Foundation, Milton Historical Society and the business population and citizens of the Town of Milton.

**1995 Civic Improvement of the Year:** Gordon Food Service, Millside Restaurant and the Milton Horticultural Society.

The recipients will be announced at a gala evening at Halton Hills Place Saturday, Apr. 13.

"This is a special time of the year that allows our community to reflect on the positive changes and contributions made by both individuals and organizations in the year gone by," said chamber president Michael Bourgon. "We are fortunate to work in a town with this type of true talent."

For tickets or more information, contact the Chamber at 878-0581.

Watch for profiles of each nominee in upcoming issues of *The Champion*.

## Halton school board lays off 1,500

By **ROB KELLY**  
*The Champion*

In a dramatic response to what has been characterized locally as foot-dragging by the provincial government, the Halton Board of Education announced it will lay off 1,501 employees yesterday.

Included in the sweeping cutback announcement were 380 high school teachers, 192 elementary school ones, two superintendents and 53 contract employees specializing in adult education.

In mid-May, further cuts will be made to board management. While no figures have been set, preliminary indications from the board are 25 per cent of management jobs will be lost.

The move is in response to anticipated provincial funding rollbacks, and is also to some extent a backlash from the board because Queen's Park has not yet provided guidelines for coping with far-reaching fiscal change, board sources say.

In frustration, Milton Trustee Tim Kingsbury slammed "the so-called 'tool kit' "John Snobelen, the provincial education minister, has said he would provide as an economic road map to help cope with shrinking funding.

"They told us we would have that 'tool kit' on February 1," Mr. Kingsbury, who chairs the board finance committee, said. "Well, we don't have it. I personally feel like we're being held hostage."

Under the circumstances, the board must anticipate a \$10 to \$15 million funding shortfall and plan accordingly, he said. The new fiscal year starts on April 1. Without a formal budget at that time the board can't strike a property tax levy for

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## They're note-worthy

Milton Mall shoppers were treated to some musical entertainment Saturday when members of the "A Capella Showcase" took centre stage with an all female barbershop singing group. They filled the mall with melodies during morning and afternoon shows.

## Parents plead for big turnout

By **KAREN SMITH**  
*The Champion*

Giving a blood sample Sunday could save the life of a five-year-old Milton girl.

An afternoon clinic to find a vital bone marrow match for Deidre Scholtz, who suffers from a rare, life-threatening disease, will be held at Bishop Reding Secondary School.

Fighting back tears, Deidre's parents, Clem Scholtz and Liz VanCleaf-Scholtz, begged the public to attend the clinic during a press conference at Milton District Hospital Friday.

"The only thing that will save our daughter's life is a bone marrow transplant," said an emotional Ms VanCleaf-Scholtz. "We need people to become bone marrow donors. There are not enough people in the (bone marrow donor) registry."

The Scholtz family learned last month that their daughter had idiopathic aplastic anemia of which there are 200 to 300 cases a year in Canada.

The senior kindergarten Holy Rosary School student has lost the ability to produce her own blood — red-

cells, platelets, and white cells to fight infection — and her bone marrow is deteriorating.

"She is, in fact, the girl in the bubble just like that movie 'The Boy in the Bubble,'" Ms VanCleaf-Scholtz said. "A cold or flu, a simple cold sore, could prove deadly for her."

Deidre's family — including siblings six-year-old Zachary and one-year-old Desiree — were tested to see if they could provide a suitable match (a 25 per cent chance), but they could not.

None of the 118,000 Canadians currently in the bone marrow registry represent matches, nor do the three million people registered world-wide.

"If she doesn't get a transplant in the next couple of months, we will lose her," said Dr. Jan Boxall, the Scholtz' family physician. "Deidre will die."

The odds say there's a one in 20,000 chance of finding a suitable donor, Ms VanCleaf-Scholtz said.

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